

Commission's Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission

Re: WC Docket #13-184

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you concerning the importance of the E-Rate program and our school system. We are a Title I school that relies heavily on the E-Rate program and its funding. Our student body is about 94% free and reduced. This program is vital to our system to be able to provide adequate technology resources to our students. It's vital to providing them with internet and network services that allow them to stay up-to-date in our ever-evolving technological world. I would like to propose that you increase or update the E-Rate process for the following reasons:

1. The increasing need for more bandwidth in our schools is outpacing our financial ability to keep up with it. With new testing requirements, more and more virtual classroom atmospheres, and more and more technology hardware requiring internet, we are unable to keep our bandwidth at a high enough standard to keep up.
2. Internet services is necessary for us to keep up with the technological needs of our students. If we are going to continue to succeed and provide the most current teaching and learning standards, we must have a high level of broadband access.
3. The main issue I face from my position with dealing with E-Rate is the overwhelming paperwork and processing procedures involved. This is very time consuming. In a small system where I wear multiple hats, this is something that would benefit me greatly if the processing and paperwork could be streamlined and updated.
4. I believe this program should be updated to better fit the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom. Since its inception in the late 90s, there have been vast technological changes that require an update to the program.
5. All of those things lead to the need for more funding. The funding pot has stayed the same while the demand and price to keep up have been ever-increasing.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to seeing coming changes to benefit our school system in the future.

Regards,

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